

COMMAN SERGEANT MAJOR JAMES FORREST

185th TAB Command Sergeant Major, Mississippi



Command Sergeant Major James Forrest was born in Winona, MS on 27 Nov 1958. After graduating from Winona High School, he attended Jackson State University and Belhaven University. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in October 1981 with the 323rd Aviation Company in Glenview, IL. In 1982, he moved from Illinois to Jackson, MS and joined the Mississippi Army National Guard. CSM Forrest has completed two deployments. His first deployment was in support of Operation Southern Watch in 2000, where he served as the NCOIC of the heliport at Camp Doha, Kuwait. His most recent deployment in 2008, was with 1-185th Aviation Battalion where he serving as Command Sergeant Major in support of KFOR 9. CSM Forrest attended basic training at Fort Knox, KY and AIT at Fort Rucker, AL where he received his primary MOS of 67N Helicopter

Repair. Upon completion of Basic and AIT training, he returned to the 323rd Aviation Company in Glenview, IL, where he was assigned to the Maintenance Company. In 1982, he was transferred to Company E, 1-185th Aviation Battalion (AVUM). In 1986, he was transferred to Company A, 1-185th Aviation Battalion serving as a UH-1 Crew Chief. From September 2000 to November 2004 he was assigned as Platoon Sergeant with 1108th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD) in Gulfport, MS. In 2005, he was promoted to First Sergeant where he served in both Company A, 1-185th and HHC, 185th Theater Aviation Brigade (TAB). February 2008 he was promoted to Command Sergeant Major for 1-185th Aviation Battalion in Tupelo, MS. In 2010, he assumed his current position as Command Sergeant Major for the 185th Theater Aviation Brigade.